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and open-minded a scholar is well deserving of the attention of those who are prone to adopt the latest theory without due consideration. In the course of the preface the editor makes an announcement of great interest to students. He proposes to issue shortly a dissertation entitled "Assyriological Glosses on the Old Testament Psalter," which will comprise all the Assyrian and Babylonian material at present available for the illustration of the subject. It will include the discussion of analogous phrases, images and thoughts; a comparison of Hebrew and Babylonian metres; and remarks on parallels which extend to whole classes and not merely to individual psalms.

W. T. S.

The Book of Daniel. Its Prophetic Character and Spiritual Meaning. By WILLARD H. HINKLEY. Boston: Massachusetts New-Church Union, 1884. Pp. 191. Price, \$1.25.

This treatment of the Book of Daniel is avowedly Swedenborgian. And this perhaps sufficiently indicates its scope. The writer is manifestly an Old Testament scholar, who is thoroughly familiar with the facts necessary to an interpretation of the prophecy. But he sets aside altogether the methods of historical interpretation, and persistently confines himself to mysticism. From this point of view, his presentation is most able. The work is an admirable exposition of the possibilities of mystical exegesis. A single quotation will indicate the method of treatment. In discussing the four kings of Dan. 11:2, the writer says (p. 119):

"The images (of the second chapter) are repeated, but four kings are spoken of. . . . The error is in speaking of the four kingdoms as if they referred to the four great monarchies of the East. Those four kings do not refer to earthly powers, but to the evil and false influences which prevailed at the end of the church, which the Lord overcame at His second coming."

T. G. S.

Geschichte der altchristlichen Litteratur bis Eusebius. 1 Teil. **Die Ueberlieferung und der Bestand.** VON ADOLF HARNACK. Bearbeitet unter Mitwirkung von E. Preuschen. (Leipzig, 1893; J. C. Hinrichs'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung). Royal 8vo.; lxi. + 1020 pp; M. 35; bound, M. 38.

A Literary History of Early Christianity: including the Fathers and the chief heretical writers of the ante-nicene Period. By CH. TH. CRUTTWELL, 2 vols. (London: Griffin & Co., 1893); Royal 8vo. pp. xxi. + 686; cloth bound.

In the spring of 1891 the Royal Academy of Sciences at Berlin resolved to publish a new edition of the early Greek Fathers. For this purpose A. Harnack proposed to publish within three years a critical survey of the material in hand and a guide for the history of tradition of early Christian literature,